Cardamom and Pepper cultivation

908. SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to get remunerative prices to cardamom and pepper growers; and

(b) whether the Union Government are implementing any projects to develop cardamom and pepper cultivation in Karnataka?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b). With a view to ensure remunerative prices too the growers of cardamom and pepper, a number of steps have ben taken by the Government, which include, regulating cardamom auctions extension advisory scheme production and supply of planting materials and providing subsidy under irrigation and land development programme.

For increasing the production and productivity of spices including pepper, a Central Sector Integrated Programme for Development of Spices is being implemented in various States including Karnataka during 1991-92 with an outlay of Rs. 5.00 crores. Under this scheme, programmes such as production of rooted pepper cuttings and construction of nursery shed, supply of input kits and plant protection sprayers for pepper have been taken up in Karnataka during 1991-92 with an outlay of Rs. 18,25 lakhs.

Establishment of Sainik School Atkoodige

909. SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR: Will the Minster of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to establish a Sainik School at Koodige in Kodagu District, Karnataka;

(b) whether an area of 200 acres of land has been acquired in Koodige for the purpose;

(c) if so, the estimated cost of the project; and

(d) by when the Sainik School is likely to be established?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (d). A Sainik School is established at the specific request of a State Government/Union Territory Administration as the entire capital expenditure and a major portion of the recurring expenditure has to be borne by it. No proposal has been received from the Government of Karnataka for the opening of Sainik School in Kodagu District.

Privatization of NJMC Mills

910. SHRI RUPCHAND PAL:
SHRI SRIKANT JENA:
SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV:

Will the Minster of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to hand over the six nationalised jute mills of National Jute Manufacturing Corporation to a private company against a leas fee of Rs. 30.00 crore in violation of the rules and norms laid down in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore; and

(c) what are the terms of lease, if any?